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Letter dated 2 June 1997 from the Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to draw your attention to the statement on the parliamentary elections in Yemen issued on 30 May 1997 by the Presidency of the European Union.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly under item 38 of the preliminary list.

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ANNEX

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Statement on the parliamentary elections in Yemen issued on 30 May 1997 by the Presidency of the European Union

The European Union congratulates the people and Government of Yemen on the free and fair parliamentary elections that took place on 27 April. The Union takes note of the statement made by the joint international observers group in which the Union is proud to have participated. The high turnout of the voters and the commitment shown by all those involved in the elections show the desire of the people of Yemen to participate actively and directly in the process of building a free and democratic society.

It is the hope of the European Union that the new parliament will play a leading role in this process of consolidating democracy in Yemen.

The Central and Eastern European countries associated with the Union, and the associated country Cyprus, align themselves with this statement.